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SUBJECT: 35TH UNGA THIRD COMMITTEE: ITEM 12, NIGERIAN
- DRAFT DECISION ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN BOLIVIA AND
- EL SALVADOR; CUBAN RESOLUTION ON EL SALVADOR

REF: (A) USUN 5505 (NOTAL), (B) STATE 317119 (NOTAL),
- (C) STATE 317048 (NOTAL), (D) STATE 316011

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4. IF NIGERIAN PROPOSAL IS ADOPTED, USDEL SHOULD MAKE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT COVERING BOTH BOLIVIA AND EL SALVADOR. STATEMENT ON BOLIVIA WAS TRANSMITTED REF C, AND FOLLOWING TEXT ON EL SALVADOR IS REVISED FROM TEXT TRANSMITTED REF B. DELEGATION SHOULD ADJUST THESE TEXTS AS NECESSARY TO FIT EXPLANATION OF VOTE ON NIGERIAN DECISION. BEGIN TEXT:

- THE UNITED STATES SHARES THE CONCERN OF THE MEMBER NATIONS OF THIS ORGANIZATION FOR THE GRAVE VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS WHICH ARE OCCURRING EVERY DAY IN EL SALVADOR. THERE IS NO DISAGREEMENT THAT THESE VIOLATIONS REPRESENT A MATTER OF DEEP PREOCCUPATION TO ALL OF US.

- MY GOVERNMENT HAS VOTED AGAINST THIS RESOLUTION BECAUSE WE FEEL IT IS UNBALANCED AND BECAUSE IT DOES NOT ADEQUATELY PORTRAY THE NATURE OF THE STRUGGLE GOING ON IN THAT TROUBLED COUNTRY AND DOES NOT GIVE AN ACCURATE PICTURE OF ALL SOURCES OF THE VIOLATIONS WHICH ARE TAKING PLACE.

- THE GOVERNMENT OF EL SALVADOR IS FACED WITH EXTREME VIOLENCE EMANATING FROM BOTH THE LEFT AND RIGHT. WE CONDEMN THE VIOLENCE OF BOTH SIDES.

- WE CONDEMN THE ASSASSINATION OF ARCHBISHOP ROMERO, THE ASSASSINATION OF THE RECTOR OF THE UNVIERSITY OF SAN SALVADOR, THE ASSASSINATION OF MEMBERS OF HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS AND COUNTLESS OTHER VICTIMS ATTRIBUTED TO RIGHT-WING VIOLENCE. WE CONDEMN THE ABDUCTION AND MURDER OF ENRIQUE ALVAREZ CORDOVA AND FIVE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE REVOLUTIONARY DEMOCRATIC FRONT ON NOVEMBER 25. WE URGE THAT THE PERPETRATORS OF THESE MURDERS BE PROMPTLY APPREHENDED AND BROUGHT TO JUSTICE.

- AT THE SAME TIME, WE CONDEMN ASSASSINATIONS ATTRIBUTED TO LEFT-WING TERRORIST GROUPS. ON JULY 19 A LEADER OF ONE OF THE LEFT-WING GUERRILLA GROUPS PUBLICLY STATED IN MANAGUA THAT HIS ORGANIZATION WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR MORE THAN 2,000 CASUALTIES DURING 1980. SINCE THAT TIME, LEFT-WING OPPONENTS OF THE GOVERNMENT HAVE CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR ASSASSINATIONS OF CIVILIANS INCLUDING MELVIN RIGOBERTO ORELLANA, SECRETARY OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY, ON OCTOBER 10 AND MANUEL RODRIGUEZ, MANAGER OF THE INTERNATIONAL FAIR, AND HIS WIFE ON NOVEMBER 4 AS WELL AS FOR A ROCKET ATTACK ON THE CITY OF SANTA ANA NOVEMBER 7 IN WHICH EIGHT PERSONS DIED.

- A WAR BULLETIN ISSUED BY A GROUP KNOWN AS THE FARABUNDO MARTI NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT (FMNL) ON OCTOBER 27 REPORTED THAT IT HAD CARRIED OUT ATTACKS AGAINST CIVILIAN TARGETS SUCH AS SHOPPING CENTERS AND BANKS USING EXPLOSIVES AS BOOBY TRAPS. THE FMNL IN ITS "WAR BULLETIN" ALSO STATED THAT IT CONDUCTED ACTIONS

AGAINST CIVILIAN TARGETS WITH ITS PERSONNEL DRESSED AS NATIONAL GUARDSMEN USING SALVADORAN ARMY JEEPS.

- ELEMENTS OF THE SECURITY FORCES HAVE PARTICIPATED AND ARE PARTICIPATING IN VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS AS WELL. WE ARE PROFOUNDLY DISTURBED BY THIS, AND CALL ON THE GOVERNMENT OF EL SALVADOR TO TAKE IMMEDIATE AND EFFECTIVE STEPS TO BRING THESE UNDISCIPLINED MEMBERS OF ITS SECURITY FORCES TO JUSTICE.

- THE GOVERNMENT HAS TAKEN SOME STEPS. IT HAS INVITED INTERNATIONAL OBSERVERS FROM THE INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION TO VISIT THAT COUNTRY AND TO STUDY FIRST HAND THE MULTIPLE SOURCES OF THE VIOLENCE. IT IS IMPLEMENTING NEEDED SOCIO-ECONOMIC REFORMS TO ALLEVIATE LONG-STANDING INJUSTICES. IT HAS ANNOUNCED A TIMETABLE FOR POPULAR ELECTIONS. ON OCTOBER 15, THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED AN AMNESTY FOR ALL INSURGENTS WHO WISH TO LAY DOWN THEIR ARMS AND PARTICIPATE PEACEFULLY IN THE POLITICAL PROCESS. SEVERAL HUNDRED HAVE DONE SO.

- THE GOVERNMENT, UNFORTUNATELY, HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO BRING UNDER CONTROL EXTREMISTS WHO HAVE REJECTED APPEALS TO PARTICIPATE IN A DIALOGUE OR IN A DEMOCRATIC POLITICALPROCESS. ON OCTOBER 18, THE EPISCOPAL CONFERENCE OF EL SALVADOR OFFERED TO MEDIATE BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND ITS OPPONENTS. THE GOVERNMENT ACCEPTED THE MEDIATION IN PRINCIPLE BUT REGRETTABLY, ON OCTOBER 29, THE DEMOCRATIC REVOLUTIONARY FRONT REJECTED THE MEDIATION OFFER. NOW THE NOVEMBER 25 KILLINGS OF THE FRONT LEADERS HAVE FURTHER DAMAGED PROSPECTS FOR MEDIATION AND A PEACEFUL SOLUTION.

- THE RESOLUTION BEFORE THIS BODY IS AN UNBALANCED ONE. IT DOES NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE MULTIPLE SOURCES OF VIOLENCE IN THE COUNTRY. IT FURTHER DOES NOT MAKE REFERENCE TO THE MATERIAL ASSISTANCE CLANDESTINELY BEING PROVIDED EL SALVADOR FROM THE OUTSIDE. IT IS NOT WITHOUT SIGNIFICANCE THAT TWO AIRCRAFT CARRYING CLANDESTINE SHIPMENT OF ARMS HAVE CRASH-LANDED IN EL SALVADOR IN RECENT MONTHS, THE MOST RECENT BEING AN AIRPLANE REPORTED TO BE CONNECTED WITH ONE OF THE SPONSORS OF THIS RESOLUTION. GIVEN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES MY GOVERNMENT CANNOT SUPPORT A RECOMMENDATION DENYING A GOVERNMENT THE RIGHT TO RECEIVE ASSISTANCE WITH WHICH TO PROTECT THE RIGHTS AND LIVES OF PEOPLE OPPOSED TO THE VIOLENCE OF THE RADICAL GROUPS AT BOTH EXTREMES.

- (IF APPROPRIATE) MR. CHAIRMAN, WE HAVE NO DOUBT THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS COMPETENT TO CONSIDER THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATIONS IN BOLIVIA OR IN EL SALVADOR, OR ANY OTHER COUNTRY FOR THAT MATTER. WE ARE PLEASED THAT THE SITUATIONS IN THESE TWO COUNTRIES WILL AT LEAST BE ON THE AGENDA FOR THE 37TH SESSION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION. WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONSIDERING THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATIONS OF SEVERAL COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD AT THAT SESSION. MUSKIE